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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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SIR:

In response to the USPTO Final Office Action of April 27, 2000, Applicant respectfully presents the following response.

A petition for a ONE month extension of time accompanies this response, thereby extending the period to respond to August 27, 2000.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.8 in an envelope addressed to: Hon. Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on August 7,2000

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